

Funding Water and Wastewater Needs with CDBG



Department of
**Economic &
Community Development**

What is CDBG?

- Community Development Block Grants are funded annually through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- The funds are to develop viable communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income
- At least 85% of Tennessee's funds each year are for infrastructure/public facilities projects

What is CDBG?

- Funding has to benefit persons of low and moderate income, prevent slums and blight or address an imminent threat to public safety
- TN receives approximately \$24m per year
- Highly competitive grant program
 - 2014, 116 applications (60% funded)
 - 2015, 131 applications (41% funded)
 - 2016, 140 applications (44% funded)
 - 2017, 148 applications (39% funded)

Application Criteria and Eligibility

- Only counties and incorporated cities and towns are eligible. (*Excluding Entitlement communities*)
- Each community can only have 1 grant at a time and can only apply for 1 grant at a time.
- Talk with your community leaders to let them know about the potential projects and then find out when the public hearing will be so people can speak to your project.
- Most communities work with an administrator who has grant writing experience to walk them through the process.

Application Criteria and Eligibility

- The number of LMI persons who will be served must be documented
- The need/problem and the solution must be clearly detailed and backup documentation provided
- Applicants for wastewater must submit to be on TDEC priority ranking list
- Applications are due February 23, 2018
- Announcements are made in the fall

Application Categories

- Community Livability
- Housing Rehabilitation
- Sewer Line Extension
- Water Line Extension
- Sewer System (Plant)
- Sewer System (Collection)
- Water System

Entitlement Communities

- Bristol
 - Chattanooga
 - Clarksville
 - Cleveland
 - Franklin
 - Hendersonville
 - Jackson
 - Johnson City
 - Knoxville
 - Kingsport
 - Memphis
 - Morristown
 - Murfreesboro
 - Oak Ridge
 - Nashville-Davidson County Metro
 - Knox County
 - Shelby County
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- Talk with our local department that handles CDBGs
 - Participate in the Consolidated Plan process

What types of projects are funded?

- Wastewater *(Not a comprehensive list)*
 - Line replacement/rehab
 - Manhole replacement/rehab
 - Pump station replacement
 - Various plant improvements
 - Headworks
 - Lagoon rehab
 - Clarifiers
 - Etc.
 - Investigative work

What types of projects are funded?

- Water
 - Line replacement/rehab
 - Water storage tanks
 - Transmission lines
 - Various plant improvements
 - Smart water meters
 - Fire hydrant replacement/rehab
 - Investigative work

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